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Communist military activity remains relatively high throughout widespread sectors of South Vietnam, with an appreciable increase of small-scale shellings and ground attacks in the northern proy-The recent upsurge in fighting in the central and southern portions of the delta follows the pattern of a Communist highpoint there during the middle or last half of each month.

The North Vietnamese launched a tank-led assault on April 28 against a government outpost--Long Khot--located at the Cambodian border in Kien Tuong Province. The province capital was also rockete At least one of the light Soviet-built PT-76 amphibious tanks reportedly was destroyed. This is the first use of enemy armor in

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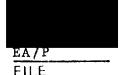
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A Communist defector recently claimed that Long Khot was targeted for regimental-size attacks. The action was most likely timed to interrupt on-going government clearing operations in Tay Ninh and Long An provinces as well as the week-long armored thrust into the Parrot's Beak of Cambodia, which began on April 29.